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AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following replacement claims for the corresponding pending claims in the application:

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1. (Amended) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:
- an upper assembly, the upper assembly having a cooking chamber;
 - a lower assembly formed from a plurality of lower frame members;
 - at least one projection on one of either the lower assembly or the upper assembly, the projection having a first portion and a second portion; and,
 - at least one receiver on the other of said lower assembly or said upper assembly, the receiver having an inner surface, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver, the first portion of the projection is biased into contact with the inner surface of the receiver.
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13. (Amended) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 10, wherein the biasing means is a threaded fastener.
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18. (Amended) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:
- an upper assembly formed from at least one upper frame member, the upper frame member having a terminal end with an outer peripheral wall surface, wherein the upper assembly is adapted to support a cooking chamber;
 - a lower assembly formed from at least one lower frame member, the lower frame member having a terminal end with an outer peripheral wall surface;

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at least one projection on one of either the upper assembly or the lower assembly; and,

at least one receiver on the other of the upper assembly or the lower assembly, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver the outer peripheral wall surface of the upper frame member is in planar alignment with the outer peripheral wall surface of the lower frame member.

20. (Amended) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 18, wherein the projection is positioned on one of the upper frame members.

21. (Amended) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 18, wherein the receiver is positioned on one of the lower frame members.

22. (Amended) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 18, wherein the projection is positioned on one of the lower frame members.

23. (Amended) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 18, wherein the receiver is positioned on one of the upper frame members.

24. (Amended) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:

an upper assembly formed from at least one upper frame member, the upper frame member having a terminal end with an outer dimension;

a cooking chamber connected to the upper assembly;

a lower assembly formed from at least one lower frame member, the lower frame member having a terminal end with an outer dimension;

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at least one engagement assembly that secures the terminal ends of the upper frame member and lower frame member in an end-to-end configuration wherein the outer dimension of the upper frame member is substantially aligned with outer dimension of the lower frame member.

28. (Amended) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 27, wherein the outer dimension of the upper frame member is the perimeter of said terminal end of the upper frame member and the outer dimension of the upper frame member is the perimeter said terminal end of the frame member.

29. (Amended) A frame for an outdoor cooking device comprising:
an upper assembly formed from a plurality of upper frame members,
a lower assembly formed from a plurality of lower frame members;
at least one projection on one of either the lower assembly or the upper assembly, the projection having a first portion and a second portion; and,
at least one receiver on the other of said lower assembly or said upper assembly, the receiver having an inner surface, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver the first portion of the receiver is biased into contact with the inner surface of the receiver.

37. (Amended) A frame for an outdoor cooking device comprising:
an upper assembly formed from a plurality of upper frame members, each frame member having a terminal end with an outer wall surface;

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a lower assembly formed from a plurality of lower frame members, each frame member having a terminal end with an outer wall surface;

at least one projection on one of either the upper assembly or the lower assembly; and,

at least one receiver on the other of said upper assembly or said lower assembly, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver the outer wall surface of the upper frame member is in planar alignment with the outer wall surface of the lower frame member.

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43. (Amended) A frame assembly for an outdoor cooking device, the frame assembly comprising:

a first frame assembly;

a second frame assembly extending substantially lateral to the first frame assembly;

at least one projection on one of either the first assembly or the second assembly, the projection having a first portion and a second portion; and,

at least one receiver on the other of said first frame assembly or said second frame assembly, the receiver having an inner surface, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver, the first portion of the projection is biased into contact with the inner surface of the receiver.

44. (Amended) The frame assembly of claim 43, wherein the biasing of the first portion of the projection into contact with the inner surface of the receiver provides cantilever support of the second frame assembly.

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50. (Amended) A frame assembly for an outdoor cooking device, the frame assembly comprising:

a first frame assembly formed from a plurality of first frame members, each frame member having a terminal end with an outer wall surface;

AB a second frame assembly extending substantially lateral to the first frame assembly, the second frame assembly formed from a plurality of frame members, each frame member having a terminal end with an outer wall surface;

at least one projection on one of either the first assembly or the second assembly; and,

at least one receiver on the other of said first frame assembly or said frame second assembly, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver the outer wall surface of the first frame member is in planar alignment with the outer wall surface of the second frame member.

Please add the following claims:

-- 65. (Added) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:

an upper frame assembly having at least one upper frame member, the lower frame member defining a receiver;

AG a cooking chamber supported by the upper frame assembly;

a lower frame assembly having at least one lower frame member;

a projection dimensioned to be removably received by the receiver to join the upper and lower frame assemblies; and,

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wherein the projection is positioned within both the upper frame member and the lower frame member, and wherein a first portion of the projection is biased into contact with an inner surface of the receiver, and wherein a second portion of the projection is affixed to an inner surface of the lower frame member.

66. (Added) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 65 wherein the first portion of the projection is biased into contact with the inner surface of the lower frame member.
67. (Added) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 66 further comprising means for biasing the first portion of the receiver into contact with the inner surfaces of both the receiver and the lower frame member.
68. (Added) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 67 wherein the second portion of the projection has an aperture and the receiver has an aperture, wherein both apertures are cooperatively positioned and dimensioned to receive the biasing means.
69. (Added) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 68 wherein the first portion of the projection has a boss that receives the biasing force from the biasing means.
70. (Added) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 65 wherein the second portion of the projection is affixed to the inner surface of the lower frame member by weldment.
71. (Added) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:

an upper frame assembly having at least one upper frame member, the lower frame member defining a receiver;

a cooking chamber supported by the upper frame assembly;

a lower frame assembly having at least one lower frame member;

a projection removably received by the receiver to define a joined position of the

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upper and lower frame assemblies, the projection having a fixed portion and a free portion wherein the fixed portion is affixed an inner surface of the lower frame member; and,

means for biasing a free portion of the projection into contact with an inner surface of the receiver to define a secured position of the upper and lower frame assemblies.

72. (Added) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 71 wherein in the joined position a first clearance exists between the fixed portion of the receiver and the inner surface of the receiver.
73. (Added) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 72 wherein in the joined position a second clearance exists between the free portion of the receiver and the inner surface of the receiver.
74. (Added) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 73 wherein in the joined position a third clearance exists between the free portion of the receiver and the inner surface of the lower frame member.
75. (Added) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 71 wherein in the secured position the free portion of the projection is biased into contact with the inner surface of the lower frame member.
76. (Added) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 75 wherein the fixed portion of the projection has an aperture and the receiver has an aperture, wherein both apertures are cooperatively positioned to receive the biasing means.